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Motion: That student course grades will be available on WINGS 48 hours after the last final exam is scheduled to be completed.

The motion reads as follows, "That student course grades will be available on WINGS 48 hours after the last final exam is scheduled to be completed." The explanation is that this change makes timing coincide with when grades are due from the professors who actually do give exams on that final day.

The motion was seconded and discussion began with Clara Krug.

Clara Krug (CLASS): I had inquiries from students, as Pat Humphrey mentioned, but I also had emails from a couple of colleagues who also were giving exams, one or more exams, on the Friday of exam week, and they had received phone calls and email messages, Saturday and Sunday morning, when their grades were not even due until later on Sunday. The students could not understand why they could not see their grades for classes where exams had been given on Friday. It seems that no matter what the faculty member explains, to the members of the class the notification on WINGS that their grades will be available supersedes all of the oral and written communication from the faculty to the student.

Tim Giles (CLASS): Yes, I very much support this motion. I teach in a very large department, Writing & Linguistics, and I would say about half of those people are on some type of a temporary line, and I have heard a lot of conversation in the hall among people who are giving a Friday afternoon exam, thinking that they have to have their exams in, or the grades in by the next day. They were concerned that they were not getting the full 48 hours, and even though I reassured them they did have 48 hours, because I have been through this and called the Registrar's office, and so forth, they seemed still not to believe me for some reason.

Godfrey Gibbison (COBA): I have had very similar experiences, and, in fact, I have gotten calls from the Registrar's office way before the 48 hours are over saying that my grades were not available. So I am very much in support of this motion.

Ming Fang He (COE): I fully support this motion, too, as a graduate faculty, I think this will give us more time to grade those graduate student term papers. This is great.

Kent Murray (CLASS): One way to possibly temper this a little bit is, prior to your final exam, to go over the grades that students have already accumulated so that they have some idea of where they stand, and then perhaps they will not be in a panic mode at the end.

Clara Krug (CLASS): Some faculty do this; however, it seems to make no difference.

Richard Flynn (CLASS): Call the question.

Pat Humphrey (COST) Senate Moderator: All right, the question has been called. A vote was taken and passed to call the question. The motion being discussed to delay the release of students' grades on WINGS until 48 hours after the last exam is scheduled to be completed was next voted on, and the motion carried.